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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Gary K. Michelson )  
Serial No.: 09/921,851 ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
Filed: August 3, 2001 ) Examiner: B. Snow  
For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE )  
CONFIGURATION )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2002, the following  
amendments and remarks are submitted:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 121, 126, 204, 206, 208, and 210 (with changes as shown  
in the attachment) to read as follows:

121. (Amended) A method for forming an interbody spinal implant having a plurality of  
bone engaging structures for insertion between adjacent vertebral bodies of a  
human spine, the method comprising the steps of:

providing the implant comprising a leading end for introduction of the  
spinal implant into the spine, an opposite trailing end, and spaced apart sides  
therebetween, opposite upper and lower surfaces between said leading and

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